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Applicant also wishes to bring the following documents to the attention of the Examiner:

- (2) Nakamura et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,289,286, issued February 22, 1994;
- (3) Takebe et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,861,621, issued January 19, 1999;
- (4) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 2001-094878 (MINOLTA CO., LTD.), published April 6, 2001;
- (5) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 2001-223948 (MINOLTA CO., LTD.), published August 17, 2001; and
- (6) Kakumoto et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2001/0013571 A1, published August 16, 2001.

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